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A Glimpse Into The Future

— DON J. McKINNON, M. L. A. —

Within the next few days the Western Irrigation District will be taken over as a farmer operated project. At the outset I think it essential for all concerned to direct their efforts to making this undertaking a success. The Board of Trustees have assumed heavy responsibilities in the organization and direction of the District. It behooves us all to assist them in every way, remembering that all the water users as well as the Board have

a responsibility that can best be fulfilled by co-operation and tolerance. Realization of what is possible for the future should be our objective. What intensified irrigation has done in the building of farm homes, increasing the happiness of rural families and stabilizing agriculture, has been amply demonstrated.

The possibilities of diversification are multiplied many times under irrigation. Today when people are paying more and more attention to nutritional standards, opportunities for supplying this demand are unlimited. Production of high protein crops, such as alfalfa, are possible in this area under irrigation and will meet a ready market in supplying the requirements of feeders and producers of commercial feeds.

Specialized production to meet urban demands should be given every consideration. A ready market will be available for large quantities of garden produce and small fruits as well as dairy and poultry products. The widest use of irrigation should be encouraged to reach as near as possible the potential of production of all products within this area.

Although cereal crops will likely continue to be the major line of production, a balance between cereals and livestock on each farm unit is possible under irrigation. By rotation of forage crops soil fertility can be conserved and improved.

The permanence of water delivery will undoubtedly encourage the setting out of shelter belts and gardens thus improving the appearance and appreciation of farm homes. What has been accomplished by some farmers within this area should be an incentive for as many as possible to do the same. Thought should be given to the setting aside of suitable acreage in each community for a park and recreational centre.

The possibility of irrigation should be taken full advantage of so that in future years our children will not say we wasted the resources that would have been so beneficial to them.

The future is what we make it. The use of modern irrigation system will determine the results we achieve in every line.

VICTORY LOAN TO DATE

Cumulative total for two days can save also opening of present Victory Loan, \$131,276,000, with yesterday's total \$56,999,880, down about \$2,000, 000 for the same day in Fifth Loan.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

H. I. Phillips from New York Sun

I'm buying a bond for a freckled kid Who lived down the street a way— A boy with a dog just a while ago— A name on a list today! I'm buying a bond for a barefoot lad Who only a short time back Was romping the fields of the old home town, But died in a far attack!

I'm coming across in the memory Of youngsters who left the town With laughter and jokes and their heads held high To take on the scrappers' frown; The kids who were down in the swimmin' hole Or played in the High School show, The boys who'd be out on the sandlots now

Except that it can't be no!

C. Y. C. MEET

On April 20th, a meeting was held in the High School at which the High School Group of the Canadian Youth Commission was organized, Lawrence Way and Eileen McFarland being appointed Chairman and Secretary respectively.

All pupils willing to take part in discussions were asked to attend the meetings which would be held every Monday afternoon.

The main business of the first meeting, held April 24 was the selecting of topics, on which briefs would be prepared for the Conference in May. The topics chosen were, (1) Youth and Recreation, (2) Youth and Education, (3) Youth and Health which will be discussed if time permits.

Mr. Crowther then gave an outline of a brief and suggested that the Secretary take down all findings, during the discussions, in order that they might be tabulated in brief form at the close of the discussions.

C. Y. C. SENIORS MEET

The Senior Branch of the Canadian Youth Commission met in the basement of the United Church on April 24th. The second meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Lydia MacLean was appointed chairman and Frances Gray, Secretary. After much discussion, it was decided to prepare a Brief on "Youth and the Family" for the Conference in May.

FATHER GIBBONS APPOINTED TO Sacred Heart Parish

Rev. Father Gibbons, recently of Calgary has been appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart, Strathmore and St. Phillips, Carleton Place.

Father Gibbons will come to Strathmore this week, to take over his new duties.

STANDARD

— By Mrs. F. D. K. —

Word has been received by Stanley Mellett that Louise Nielsen is back on duty in Italy once more, after having received a severe shrapnel wound in his right elbow. Louise writes that he is well and anticipates with pleasure the cigarettes that were on their way to him.

It is with deep regret that we report the death in Calgary last week of the new born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson. Surviving in addition to her parents are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Andersen and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Maher, Spokane Wash. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence here on Friday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. W. A. Rudwick officiating. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Andersen in their bereavement.

Mr. J. F. Pringle returned to Standard with a fine knowledge on Sunday to spend a day or two.

Mrs. Alice Miller was a visitor in Calgary last week-end.

Mr. T. Zellink and Miss Rita Burr were visiting at Tomma home here last week-end. Tom is now stationed at Taber.

The Active Service Club sponsored a very successful tea in the K. P. hall on Saturday afternoon, when a substantial sum was raised. This money will be used for comforts and parcels for the boys overseas.

The Victory Loan Executive and Saemen and their wives gathered in the K. P. Hall on Friday evening for a banquet and social evening.

Mr. John Speer, the District Organizer and Pro. John Hubl, recently returned from Active duty overseas, were the guests of honor.

The hall and tables were tastefully decorated with Victory Loan insignia, place cards, serviettes and posters, leading a colorful and patriotic atmosphere to this altogether delightful occasion.

Following a delicious supper which was served under the supervision of Mrs. A. Southall a very interesting program was rendered which all enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Fraser are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter in Calgary on April 19.

Miss Leona Larsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Larsen, has successfully completed her three years training at the Muenster Hospital in Edmonton and is one of forty girls to graduate on Friday, April 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are in Edmonton to attend the graduation services. Congratulations Leona and the best of luck in your chosen profession.

Stanley Castella is another of our local young people to graduate recently as a Sgt. Pilot at Dauphin, Manitoba. His many friends are proud indeed of his success and we wish him the best of luck and happy landings.

Standard and district residents were proud and happy to be one of the 25 units in the province over the top in the Sixth Victory Loan campaign. The Standard district was the first to be flown out from Calgary by plane on Monday. On Monday morning when the campaign opened, the local committee had sold the splendid sum of sixty-five thousand dollars in Victory bonds which was 314% of their quota. It was due to make such an executive and the salesmen who had worked so diligently to keep Standard Unit in the forefront of the campaign to be able to make such a worthwhile contribution to Canada's Victory Loan. It was only by the 100 per cent co-operation of everyone in the Unit district that such results were attained.

ALBERTA WORLD WHEAT KINGS

Alberta can logically claim to produce the world's best wheat. On 15 occasions an exhibit of Alberta wheat has won an international championship. Since 1911 exhibits of Alberta wheat at the International Grain and Hay show, Chicago, won world championships 14 times. The wheat competition at that great exhibition was discontinued in 1941. Between 1929 and 1941, a period of 13 years, exhibits of Alberta wheat won world championships in 11 years.

The record of Alberta winnings since 1911 is as follows—

1912 — Henry Holmes, Alberta.
1923 — H. G. L. Strange, Penn. Alta.
1926 — Herman Trelle, Wembley, Alta.
1929 — J. H. B. Smith, Wolf Creek
1930 — Herman Trelle, Wembley.
1931 — Herman Trelle, Wembley.
1932 — Herman Trelle, Wembley.
1934 — John B. Allison, Wembley.
1935 — W. Frelan Wilfred, Stavelly.
1936 — Herman Trelle, Wembley.
1937 — F. Lloyd High, Wembley.
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1940 — William Miller, Edmonton.

P.S. — In 1876 and exhibit of wheat grown by the Oblate fathers at Fort Chipewyan won first prize for red spring wheat at the Centennial exhibit at Philadelphia. In 1893 wheat grown by Reverend J. Gough Brick in the Peace River district won the world's championship at the Chicago fair.

L. D. Nesbitt.

—RECORD OF PRODUCTION—

The first great impetus to grain production came from World War I. In 1914, the year that war broke out, there were only 2,805,900 acres under cultivation, of which 2,586,400 were under grain. In 1918, the year peace was declared, cultivated acreage had risen to 8,578,000 and acreage under grain to 6,358,600.

The following table shows the increase in wheat acreage.

1906	177,100
1914	1,371,100
1918	3,892,458
1925	6,161,388
1932	8,201,000
1939 (the peak)	8,379,000
1942	4,829,000
The long-time average of grain production on a per-acre basis and also farm price is as follows—	
1906-42	Average Farm Price
Wheat	37.3 ————— 76c
Oats	13.4 ————— 32c
Barley	25.2 ————— 38c
Rye	13.0 ————— 58c
Flax	9.8 ————— \$1.15

6th. VICTORY LOAN

Its gift is not in golden coin; In higher values must we measure Lives offered up in Freedom's cause While we but lend an earthly treasure.

With all we have we must support Our men and women in this fight; That peace may come again to Earth.

And all the world be ruled by right. — J. N. Stephenson.

Teacher—Why did you spell the word pneumatic "neumatic"? Pupil—The 'k' on my typewriter isn't working.

HOME AND SCHOOL

One of the most fruitful meetings by this Association as to "doing things" was held Monday evening when, following a very earnest and beneficial address by Dr. Giffin, various resolutions were passed which, when put into action, will benefit the health of growing children and thence the community.

The Dr. gave a very lucid talk on the safeguards of infection from various diseases, and quoted figures from authorities proving the unquestionable benefit.

Resulting from the discussion, Dr. Giffin moved that swimming for school children be made compulsory and placed on the curriculum throughout Canada.

Information re Social Diseases should also be properly explained to all boys and girls from the ages of 8 or 9 up. These talks to be given by a Doctor or Competent Nurse. A resolution to the Strathmore School Board that all children entering school for the first time in the Fall should be medically examined was passed.

These three items justified the holding of the meeting but this was not all.

Mrs. Thurston and Mr. McMurray each gave very interesting reports of the recent Convention. Spaces for a very detailed report, hence the high lights only.

Composite schools in rural areas are coming and will be a boon to rural children.

Previously 90% of the pupils have been guided into matriculation; now more vocational subjects are holding interest.

Education of youth is the main component building for the future, and the Department of Education must be on its toes to keep in touch with the trend of the times.

The Home and School Creed is to produce the best in National life. Scholars instead of Centaphs and Memorials were recommended.

Miss Alice Meighans method of teaching the Chinese was rated very highly.

Mrs. Thurston stated the Home and School is increasing in value and so recognized right across Canada.

Both speakers emphasized the splendid and progressive work of Mr. Berchouan. Mrs. Thurston took of his talk on "The Lighted School House", where the school would be used for fuller activities, and emphasized the need for Adult Education.

As a sample a Community Centre in Calgary for grades 10 - 11 - 12 was held Friday evening where Dramatics and Music were taught winding up with a dance.

Adult classes had been arranged in Edmonton with an enrollment of 600 when the sponsors hoped for 200.

Mr. Crowther and Mr. Ringdahl explained the Display of Pupils Work which was found most interesting. Mr. Ringdahl urged parents to avoid reference to hot weather in July being unfavorable for writing exams. As a matter of fact all westerners know that May or early July may be better than July.

Emphasizing the unfavorable side has a very bad psychological effect the speaker said, which may go so far as to result in failure in exam.

Guests from Calgary are expected at the May meeting.

Dr. Giffin stressed the benefits of a Health Unit and urged establishing one at the earliest possible moment.

Calgary Mobile Blood Donor Unit Visits Strathmore

The Blood Donor Unit held on April 21st, was most satisfactory. Sixty-one donations were accepted which means the saving of twelve lives. To the persons who generously and patriotically were willing to give their blood, but for various reasons were rejected the thanks of the nation is equally due.

The Strathmore Branch of the Red Cross is grateful to the Legion for the use of the dining-room and kitchen in the Memorial Hall, to Mr. J. Swanson for his trouble in preparing the rooms, to Mr. Boissevain for collecting and returning the cots, as well as to those who loaned the cots, to Mr. McMurray for the lighting, to the United Church for the screens, and to those who contributed the dainty refreshments for the breakfast.

Dr. Giffin was in charge of the improvised hospital. From Calgary came Mrs. E. Thomas, Supervisor of the Travelling Unit, Miss E. Huggill, Supervisor (to be) of Edmonton Travelling Unit and Mrs. W. E. Huckleval and Mrs. Gross to take charge of donor's histories. These nurses were graciously assisted by Mrs. Stickney, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. McKenzie. Added to these were Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Marum and Mrs. Hyde, from the local branch with Mrs. P. Wright and Mrs. Patrick as

tube washers and Mrs. S. Hughes and Miss F. Gray in the Recovery room. Mrs. Trench assisted by Miss I. MacFarland acted as secretaries. Mrs. Phyllis Campbell, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. T. Wright, and Mrs. McCulloch had a busy time serving luncheon.

If Strathmore district be willing to supply regular donors the "Calgary Mobile Blood Donor Unit" expects to return in three month's time and hopes for the same active co-operation as on this occasion.

IN APPRECIATION

The following is copied from a letter from the Commissioner of the Alberta Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

April 16th, 1944 May we congratulate your Branch on the splendid amount of money raised during the Campaign, and we would like you to convey to all our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the good work that is being done in your district.

With all good wishes for the future success of your Branch.

Yours Sincerely,
D. H. Tomlinson
(signed) R. R.

RURAL GLEICHEN

The Calgary Blood Donors' Clinic was in Gleichen last Thursday and operated at the Indian Hospital. Mrs. Thomas R. N. was in charge, and three nurses accompanied as assistants. With the nurses of the hospital staff and some local nurses, also some local ladies assisting the clinic was a real success. Sixty-four people presented themselves ready for donations, and it showed how willing Gleichen people are to help in a worthy cause. The Clinic expects to return in about three months. If you didn't donate this time, perhaps you can next time. Many thanks are due the Indian Department, Dr. Windsor and the Staff of the hospital, for it was an ideal place for the clinic.

Several members of the Alberta Star No. 18 of Gleichen paid a fraternal visit to Husar last Wednesday evening. They reported having a wonderful time.

We are very sorry to report Mrs. Edith Walker has received official word that her younger son Jim was killed on active service. Pte. Lt. Walker had been with the R. A. F. since before the war, and had seen action on many fronts. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Walker and her son George who is still a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mrs. Karl Sammons returned home last Sunday from the hospital with her infant son Allen Karl.

Miss Selma Sammons, who is stationed at the R. C. A. F. Depot at High

River is spending her leave with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sammons. O/S. Donald McArthur celebrated his birthday Sunday by calling from Winnipeg to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McArthur. He said he was fine and expected to be sent soon to St. Hyacinthe, Que. for continuation of his course.

One day last week little Sandra Brown ran through a pile of hot ashes and burned one leg quite badly. We are glad to say it is healing nicely.

A wedding of interest to Gleichen people was solemnized last Monday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. at Knox United Church in Calgary when Isabel Irene the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Young, became the bride of Gordon E. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hall. Rev. Rex Brown officiated.

The bride, wearing a brown tulle suit with yellow accessories and a corsage of yellow roses, entered the church on the arm of her brother Irvine. Mary Downey, the maid of honor, wore a brown suit with corsage of pink roses and Margaret Dafeo, bridesmaid, wore a beige dress with pink rose corsage. Howard Warner acted as best man.

About thirty-eight relatives and friends gathered for the reception in the banquet room of the Empress Grill. Howard Warner and Sam Dafeo proposed toasts to the bride. Irvine Young proposed a toast to Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Tom Brown proposed a toast to Mrs. Young. A sing song was enjoyed before the young couple left on their honeymoon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:—

Would you be kind enough to allow me the privilege to use space in your paper to answer Mr. McArthur's letter of the 13th inst.

To my knowledge the only powers that were given to the committee were purely temporary, so that they could complete fully the negotiations with the C. P. R. and to further the necessary legislation.

The information given to the signers when canvassing by myself and those who so willingly helped, was that this committee was only temporary, and that they would be privileged to appoint their own board of directors by ballot upon completion of the agreement.

From Mr. McArthur's letter it seems there was not time to call an Election, however, the point I wish to emphasize particularly, is that the committee had never at any time given out any information or explanation of the reasons for not calling an Election until we read Mr. McArthur's thesis in your paper.

The object of my previous letter was not to create obstacles or disagreement or to show mistrust. In the committee, but they should realize after a person has signed on the dotted line, his interest is just as keen and he should be kept informed of all proceedings both now and in the future. After all, this is our business. Thanking you Madam Editor.

Yours truly,

Phil E. Sarsons

NIGHTINGALE

— By Mrs. F. H. —

Quite a number of local people here journeyed to Strathmore last Friday to give at the blood donors clinic.

Mrs. Pat Brown and a friend from near Drumheller were Sunday visitors with friends here.

Tom Stoodley had quite a severe attack of tonsillitis last week and Mrs. Stoodley and Myrtle had to postpone their trip north for a week. Tom was able to go back to school at Kathryn this week.

Mr. Abe Walker is home again and feels quite well but must take life easy for a while.

Clarence Putnam and a pal came up from Vulcan where they are stationed and spent their 48-hr. leave with the home folks.

Local boys had a get together on Sunday to practice soft ball. Art Kimmitt is helping the boys and it is hoped they will have a few games later on.

The ladies of the Women's Institute very much appreciate the interest taken by all who attended the Home and School meeting at the hall on the 17th.

Everyone is very busy on the land these days and spring work is well along.

Harry Trollope, who is stationed at Lethbridge with the R. C. A. F. was home on a 72-hour leave over the week-end.

Thor Larsen has sixty days spring leave to help his father on the farm. He says it's good to get back into some old clothes and do a little farm work again.

A traveller who was renowned for his tall stories on being asked out to dinner, made arrangements with his friends who were to accompany him that they should kick him if he began to go too far.

Quite early in the evening he started off. "That reminds me," he said to the hostess, "of a friend of mine who had a rose garden over ten miles long and —he felt a kick— and two inches wide."

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STRATHMORE

ALBERTA

They laid him out on the barracks floor, and the cop who brought him in stood by while the doctor examined him. Finally the doctor arose and said— "The man's been drugged." The cop went white and shivered. "That's right sir, it's my fault, I drug him six blocks."

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TO AN ELEVATOR

— By Edna Jaques —

What dim cathedral there against the sky
Rears its stanch head to watch the years go by,
Marking the hours as they gently pass
With long, slim fingers shadowed on the grass,
A faithful sentinel it stands alone,
Piercing the landscape like a shaft of stone.
No bells ring out to call the good to prayer
And yet a thousand songs are 'prisoned there;
Summer is whispering in the silent grain,
He— May I have the last dance with you?

I hear against my heart the sound of rain,
The beat of wings above the sprouting wheat,
Old sloughs and summerfallow drenched in heat.

What precious treasure does this temple hold?
Great bins of wheat stored up like misers' gold,
Bread for a hungry world, the fruit of toil,
The blessed alchemy of sun and soil.
A golden heritage of wealth and power
Holding the skyline like a shining tower.

He— May I have the last dance with you?

RADIO REPORTER



Stanley Maxey, Veteran and hero of the First World War and almost continuously engaged in broadcasting throughout Britain during World War II. Stanley puts as much enthusiasm into his job of BBC commentator as he did in his early radio career as tenor star. He is heard, Off the Record, Tuesdays at 11:15 p.m. CDT.

She— (rubbing her ankles) You've already had it.



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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon at all Christian Science Churches on Sunday. The Golden Text is Ezekiel 18:31. One of the Scriptural citations is "And Cain said unto the Lord, My

punishment is greater than I can bear" (Genesis 4:13). One of the correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, is "Sin will receive its full penalty, both for what it is and for what it does." (p. 542).

-Irrigation History of the Western Section:-

THE C. P. I. D.

Harry Wood

A RETROSPECT OR DIGEST OF THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES BROUGHT TO STRATHMORE AND DISTRICT BY MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOY SINCE EARLY IN THE CENTURY

It is given to few in this work-a-day world to see the beginning, growth and expansion of a great project such as the pioneer Western Irrigation District, with its Canal System planned originally to water two fifths of a million acres; but such is the case with a few Officers of the Company still with us in Strathmore, and who, now the enabling legislation has been passed, will shortly hand over the controls to the Committee for future guidance.

We have been asked by the Editor of the Strathmore Standard to write something of the known advantages to our town and district accruing from this wonderful handiwork of man, but having neither the penetrating mind of a Richard J. Needham, nor the gifted pen of the Venerable Kemp; moreover our knowledge of the System of Canals, Flumes and Siphways is rather less than that of Chief Muleface himself, we must confine these lines to the good done in past years by employees and their wives, many of whom are no longer with us.

Our list consists of fifty-seven outstanding names of which the only two originals now with the Department are Mr. Ridley and Mr. Patrick, and our readers will agree readily that without them, the past thirty-five years here would have been dull indeed.

As Chief Engineer, A. S. Dawson took charge of Strathmore Headquarters in the early 1900's, and while a great engineer and a man to get things done, he had little time to give to outside activities, but, happily, this was more than offset by his gracious wife, who was soon heart and soul in the work of building the new St. Michael's Church, and when finished in 1910, Mrs. Dawson persuaded J. S. Dennis, the General Manager to give both the bell and tower. In the fall of that year Mr. Patrick returned with his bride and whatever other amenities our (then) village lacked, we certainly were as well off for social activities as Emily Post's home town. Brown's Hall was well suited for all the Teas and Socials then held, and having no scruples about cards and dances for Church support, Mrs. Dawson saw to it there was no lack of patronage by the boys of the staff, also our enjoyment compared most favourably with that of the moderns — our dances, to the accompaniment of Mac hammering like a plumber on the piano — theirs to the "boop-dooop" of countless saxophones.

On the Dawsons being moved to Bassano, where the great Dam was to be constructed, Mr. and Mrs. Stockton came to Strathmore, where a period of much construction commenced all through the district, and the Canal Superintendents were busy men, as settlers were also pouring in.

The Company was obliged to seek larger headquarters, and bought the Frank Inlay farm, on which the new and compact buildings, with surrounding landscaped grounds, neat homes for the Staff, and a fine clubhouse for the many bachelors, were located in a beautiful setting.

Shortly after the Incorporation of

the town, it was felt that High School facilities would soon be required for the growing children of the district and we remember how well this was presented to Inspector LeZert by a Committee, one of which was Frank Inlay, a newly appointed District rider, whose four clever children would have had to go to Gleichen for Higher Education, failing the establishing of Grades 9 to 11 here. The Company officials, wisely, we are sure, set their faces against everything of the Boom Town variety, and on more than one occasion, counselled the newly elected Town body against going ahead too fast; especially when the by-law for new subdivisions was approved, but later they not only made a gift of the land for what we know as Lambert Park, but the Irrigation Department did all the work of laying out and making an artificial lake which has been a joy to young and old ever since.

Much could, and ought, to be said of the influence for good, of the officers of the Irrigation System throughout the whole District, however, and if we fail to mention names, it is merely because our thoughts return often to the hub of the District, Strathmore.

Outstanding names such as Tommy Robinson (killed in action in the First Great War), C. L. Dodge, Harold Morgan, W. F. Grafton, Sid Williams, Fred Cross, George Adama, H. Tompkins, Sam Slater, Pat Colbert, John Kelsey and H. B. Hervey, the Original Operating Engineer, occur to us as examples of sterling citizens at a time when the influence of such was needed in the West.

When Mr. Ridley brought his bride to Strathmore there were few streamlined household conveniences and it is ever to the credit of Mrs. Ridley and so many other brides who followed, that they not only buckled down to things as they were, but quickly cheerfully, and helpfully placed themselves on the side of those striving to make our district worthwhile living and working in, while their work for both Church and School all through the years must have been heart-warming for Ministers and Teachers alike.

If we look for a cultural monument in our midst, the lovely G. W. V. A. (now Canadian Legion) Hall keeps fragrant the memory of yet another member the Staff, Douglas French, whose energetic leadership inspired the whole community to take active part in this splendid enterprise, undeniably a true cultural and social centre for town and district. Critically hurt while serving with the R. A. F. in the First Great War, Douglas carried out his duties as Hydrographer faithfully, and gave all his spare moments to community and Church work, again assisted nobly by an excellent helpmate. Mrs. French whose genius for organization we still remember.

At work or during spare time we could always see Douglas and "Bill" Paterson doing some worthwhile job for either the Memorial Hall or Community Rink, in fact the last time this scribe saw them together, was on a Saturday afternoon running levels on the site newly presented by the Council for the present rink. Douglas died at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver but his comrades of the Legion; yes, and his many friends still here, have seen to it that his "name liveth forevermore". A modest man always, "Bill" Paterson would treat any comment on his

work, for our town and district, as fulsome, but we cannot for a moment omit mention of it on that account, because we who know him over twenty-two years must place "Bill" high on our list of good citizens.

As for "Jimmy" Gunn, Alex Gray, Tom Glendinning, Cecil Lambert and Sid Hyde and the definitely indispensable Ben Petersen, can anybody in our whole district comprehend what the past thirty years and upwards would have been without their ever ready help, in all causes for the welfare of our district; those remarks apply equally well to their good ladies also, excepting "Jimmy" of course, who has remained a popular bachelor.

To name but a few whose service on either Council or School Board through the years, is to point with pride to progress made by both bodies; here their children have been fittingly educated to take their share with others anywhere, and a school and Principal which produced a Rhodes Scholar is found in but few communities of comparable size. Joe French, Frank Young, G. Quirin and T. Schulte are outstanding ones that occur to us, and as there are some who will still serve, we are safe in assuring both our Editor and the Farmers' Committee that "if it will help Strathmore and District, they will ever be for it!"

We have only to mention Harry Freeman for everyone to recall the beauty created for over thirty years by his clever hands all round these Headquarters, the grounds of which were his pride and joy.

Harry was every preparing for "them big pots" as he called the high officials, and we know his work earned high praise from that quarter also; we recall the occasion, (when he operated the acre or so of greenhouses at the Supply Farm, prior to transfer to Irrigation Headquarters, and grew flowers for Hotels and Dining Cars), the President's Special stopped for a

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Western Irrigation District and Associated Producers

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short inspection.

Carnations were then Harry's specialty, in the colouring of which he was a genius, and seeing a particularly beautiful specimen (at that time a rarity) Lord Shaughnessy was moved to learn Harry had named it Lady Shaughnessy, so it brought fame to us overnight.

What the late W. R. Reader was to Calgary, we are sure Harry still is to Strathmore.

We recall the name of the first Chief Clerk, William Gillingwater, whose tragic end, when his home burned down, taking both himself, wife and only child to their death, cast a gloom for days over the community in 1912.

Jim McNeil and Mrs. McNeil, W. and Mrs. Rawlings, C. L. Dodge and Mrs. Dodge, are all names which meant unstinted service to their first home town in the West, and many old timers still remember their work for Church or Community.

We shall not 'parade our ignorance' madam Editor, by referring to our first taste of "Culture" here, when the C. P. I. D. Staff invited us to their first "A la Damsant." other than telling our readers it was the best evening we had ever spent in Canada — that hitherto, we had barged round the Opera House with parts of Lot 8 and 9 Second St. affixed to our boot-soles, to Manual's fiddle and piano, but on that red letter night, Tommy had fitted us with perfect evening dress and pumps to the number of about twenty bachelors-at-large.

Fortunate indeed has Strathmore and District been in the excellent type of citizens brought here by the Irrigation Department, and if we have failed to mention all who played a part in building so public spirited a community, we assure them it was for lack of time only.

To the Committee we say in all sincerity—

"LET STRATHMORE FLOURISH"

History of Irrigation

The most extensive irrigation enterprise in Canada is the system constructed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. to serve a large tract of land along its main line between Calgary and Medicine Hat.

When the C. P. R. was constructed a part of the consideration was a land grant of some 22,000,000 acres in the Provinces now known as Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The land was to be given in alternate sections 20 miles wide each side of the railway.

There were some points of dispute between the Government and the C. P. R. which were compromised by the Company agreeing to take some 3,000,000 ac. in a solid block between Calgary and Medicine Hat and construct an irrigation system to serve it. This was the beginning of the C. P. R. Irrigation System in Alberta.

The fathers of this large scale irrigation development in Alberta were the late Mr. J. S. Dennis M. E. I. C. and Mr. Wm. Pearce D. L. S.

The Western Section of this 3,000,000 ac. was selected for first construction on account of its proximity to Calgary and because of the attractive character of this portion of the irrigation block.

Construction was begun in 1905, with Mr. Dennis designated as chief engineer but the details of the work were soon delegated to Mr. A. Scott Dawson and Mr. H. B. Muckleston.

Mr. Dawson was mostly concerned with the executive end and Mr. Muckleston was responsible for the technical part including the design of the multitude of structures required and the location of the canals and ditches.

Strathmore was selected as the Engineering Headquarters the house now occupied by Mr. McMurray being engineering office, although in winter the engineers moved into the Calgary office. A large force of engineers were employed during the early years of construction, among whom were Mr. P. Turner Bone, who is said to be responsible for some of the good old Scotch names given to various districts, Major F. C. Cross, Mr. P. J. Jennings O. B. E., E. N. Ridley, G. H. Patrick F. D. McNaughton Mr. T. E. Robinson, who was killed in the first Great War, and many others.

Among the contractors were McKibbin and McCallum, Mr. Lynam doing earth work and Hayden and Skeene on timber work. Mr. Skeene is now retired and living in Calgary.

The Main Canal was taken out of the Bow River in East Calgary, and the dam built that would create Chestermere Lake.

The present concrete weir and head gate were built in 1912-13.

Water was first turned into the canal in 1906. On May 11th, of the same year, a telegram was sent Mr. Dawson stating—"10 inches of water is flowing into the canal into the reservoir, Chestermere Lake, and an increase of 4 ft. in depth is noted."

Looking back, this creation of a new lake on the prairies was a dramatic event.

Before the season was over water had been run through the Secondary A Canal past Strathmore to Gleichen district and reached Crowfoot Creek through distributary D on August 16. Only one break occurred in the many miles of canal carrying water for the first time, which is a testimonial to the construction work.

Settlers flooded in from 1906-1911 and a wave of settlement and expansion occurred, and another wave just after the Great War.

The operation of the partially com-

pleted structure from 1906-09 was in charge of George B. Hull.

Mr. P. C. B. Hervey followed until 1911, both having a force of engineers and ditchriders.

A concerted demand for water was



E. N. RIDLEY
Supt. 1911—1944



R. S. STOCKTON
Supt. 1911—1935



A. GRIFFIN
Supt. 1935—1941

made by Gleichen farmers a distance of 90 miles from Canal headgates. In the system at first there were 1466 miles of constructed ditches.

To operating Headquarters in the bigger years were under a Superintendent with a staff of about 60 employees together with a field force during the outdoor working season of from 200-300 men.

The original structures were all built of wood, but as these rotted, they were replaced with concrete.

In 1911 Mr. R. S. Stockton was Superintendent of Maintenance and Operation which post he held until 1935, reporting to the Chief Engineer at the D. N. R. at Calgary.

In 1935 Mr. A. Griffin was transferred from Brooks to Strathmore and added to the position of Superintendent of Operation and Maintenance that of Chief Engineer. Mr. Griffin extended in Strathmore the growth and culture of fruits, flowers and vegetables which he had developed so successfully during his residence in Brooks.

In 1941 Mr. Griffin was promoted to the position of Chief Engineer and Manager of the D. N. R. at Calgary

Men connected in the early years were—

Mr. A. S. Dawson, for 29 years Chief Engineer of the D. N. R. in Calgary, who died in Guelph, Ontario in 1941.

Col. J. S. Dennis, a man of exceptional ability, who died in Victoria in 1938.



R. S. STOCKTON
Supt. 1911—1935

succeeding Mr. Porter who was retired.

Mr. E. N. Ridley succeeded Mr. Griffin in Strathmore and has held office to the present.

The Western Section has been particularly fortunate in the loyalty and steadfastness of its staff.

In addition to those already mentioned there is Mr. T. Schulte, who has had charge of the Telephone System since 1911. Mr. George Quirin has an equally long service. Mr. J. W. McNeill, Sid Williams and the late Charlie McMichael all served their time on the Western Section.

John McMullen, George Adams, A. E. Spurgeon, S. Slater sr. and his son P. V. Slater, who has the honor of being the first native son Ditchrider to be employed.

In 1911 the present Irrigation Headquarters were laid out on unbroken prairie just south of town. The Irrigation Office Clubhouse Superintendent's residence were built under contract by M. S. Hirtle. The staff moved down to the completed buildings in the Spring of 1912 and the grounds were laid out and tree planting began. Cottages and barns were built and in-

RING OUT THE OLD-- RING IN THE NEW

— BY A. GRIFFIN —
Manager, Dept. of Natural Resources,
C. P. R., Calgary

It has been about forty years since

the inception of the Western Section. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company started the operation of the system in 1906, and has operated it each year since, and during that period has sold most of its lands in that area, and, I am happy to say, has had the privilege of insulating transfers to most of the purchasers.

Up to the present time the irrigation system has not been an unqualified success, although the Company spent large sums to make water available and encourage its use. For the most part, there has been disappointingly small use of water for irrigation. Much of the irrigation that has been done was not timely or efficient.

It has been said that the irrigation system was fifty years too soon. I believe there is truth in this saying. Irrigation was started when the land was prairie sod and had the accumulated fertility of hundreds of years of grass growth, pastured by the buffalo. Profitable crops were produced with a minimum of labor and expense and irrigation was not looked upon favorably.

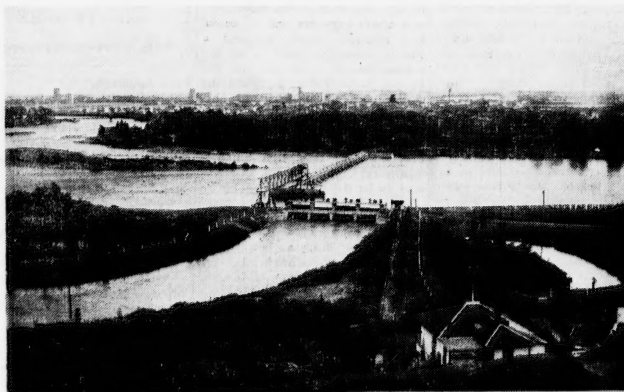
Mr. R. S. Stockton was for 24 years in charge of the Western Section. He was, and is a sound, practical irrigationist who served the Company well and who held the friendship and respect of the people on the project. After years of observation and experience, Mr. Stockton stated that during every season within his knowledge irrigation could have been used to good advantage and profitably, especially on grass, alfalfa and garden crops, even though in some years profitable crops could be grown without irrigation.

Even if the irrigation system was fifty years too soon, the fifty years are nearly up and there has, for some time, been a definite trend away from straight grain growing and toward growing more grass and alfalfa, and going in more for livestock and dairying. This seems a logical evolution away from diminishing wheat returns and toward a program in which irrigation can play a very important part.

I am personally very glad that the farmers of the Western Section have chosen to form the Western Irrigation District and to take over and operate the Western Section Irrigation System. I feel that this also voices the official feeling of this Company. The Company has demonstrated its good will in the matter by its very substantial contribution to the District funds. All of us feel sure that the farmers and their District organization can operate soundly and make a growing and conspicuous success of the Western Irrigation District. It is only because of that belief and the belief that irrigation is very especially a type of enterprise which can best be handled by the farmers themselves in a co-operative organization that the Company was willing to make its contribution.

I wish to add a word of warning:—An irrigation system can be useful and profitable only if it is used. If it is only looked upon as insurance against drought it is likely to be a partial or total failure, because it is too late to get the best results from irrigation after the crop starts suffering from drought. As far as possible, the crops on irrigated land should be "irrigated crops," such as grass, alfalfa, clover, potatoes, garden crops and such other specialized crops as may prove adapted to the area. These are one of the specialized crops which—

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The above is a picture of the Headgates at which point waters from the Bow River are diverted into the main canal and thence into an extensive system of canals to supply water to the acres of the Western Irrigation District.

Valedictory And Salutation

THE CROSS ROADS

THE Path of Life for communities, and individuals alike, frequently pursues a fairly straight and even course for quite a time, with only minor curves to be rounded, then suddenly the fork in the road appears, which brings a direct turn and life for those who take this turn is changed, and the scenes and activities, with which we as travellers, have been familiar, pass into history whose sum total makes up the Story of the adventure of life for each individual, in whatever sphere of life he or she may travel.

Thus it is in the Strathmore District this year.

In the previous many years May Day has come and passed, with practically no change to relate.

This year is a different one, though to the casual observer there may be little evidence of any changed policy.

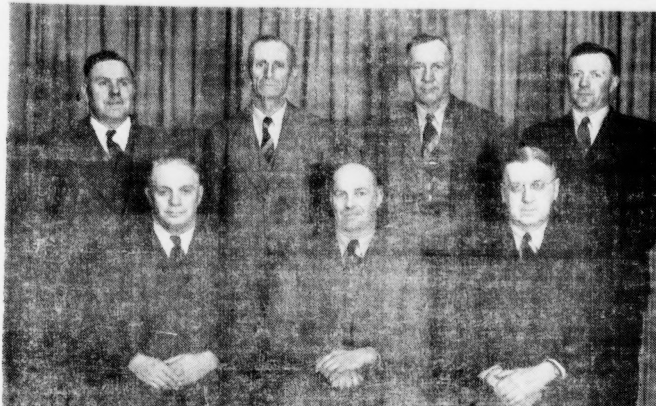
This year 1944, with the incoming of the month of May the Canadian Pacific Company's ownership, and control of the Western Irrigation System, will pass into the hands of a Co-operative Group of Farmers, with a Board of Trustees working under the supervision of the newly appointed Superintendent, Mr. P. M. Sauder, recently Director of Water Resources for the Province of Alberta. Many of those associated with the former Company will be retained by the new Company.

We rejoice in this fact.

To those who sever their Strathmore connection, we shall follow with our sincerest good wishes, that brighter and fairer new fields will be theirs.

We greet the New Group and all associated therewith most cordially. We wish for them fulfilment of their earnest desires and hopes to bring about a fuller measure of general prosperity for the district at large.

In the words of some folk, Strathmore is now at the Cross Roads. There lies ahead the open door to success, and a more complete all-round development. We have confidence that the Group of Men who have striven so zealously to preserve



SEATED — LEFT TO RIGHT, P. M. SAUDER, J. A. McARTHUR, J. E. BROWNLEE, K. C. STANDING — J. M. WHEATLEY, GEORGE FOYA, CK. JAMES HARWOOD AND EMIL CAMMAERT

P. M. Sauder New Superintendent

Mr. Sauder enjoys many years of experience in Irrigation in Alberta.

Immediately following graduation from Toronto University in Engineering, he was employed by the Commissioner of Irrigation in the Federal Department of the Interior. During the time he was with this Department, he organized the Hydrometric Surveys in Alberta and Saskatchewan with Headquarters in Calgary.

From 1920 to 1940, he was employed by the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District. After four years on construction, he became the District Manager. In this position, he insisted that regardless of everything else the farmer must have good water service in order to succeed and imbued this idea in the staff. Many difficulties had to be overcome but today the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District which was formerly an almost



P. M. SAUDER
Supt. Western Irrigation District

arid area, is one of the most productive areas in Western Canada.

Early in 1940, he became Director of Water Resources for the Province. In this position he devoted much of his time to promoting a greater use of irrigation. He is also Colonization Manager for the Department of Water Resources and is a Member of the Irrigation and Drainage Council. He is still associated with the Leth-

bridge Northern Irrigation District as Official Trustee.

Mr. Sauder was one of the first purchasers of land in the Western Section, now the Western Irrigation District and feels confident that the production of the district can be materially increased by greater use of irrigation and has confidence that this will be accomplished.

THE WESTERN IRRIGATION BOARD

Wish to express their appreciation to all who have co-operated with them in the somewhat arduous task of holding the irrigation system in this area.

Knowing there will be difficulties and obstacles to overcome they request the indulgence of the rate-payers in the year ahead.

The Members of the Board wish to assure the rate-payers that they will give of their best service in the interest of the people in general.

WESTERN IRRIGATION BOARD

Tribute To New Board

— BY T. M. WEARS —

When I came to this Town thirty years ago an irrigation system in this district had been planned and was in operation a few years before I came.

During World War I prices for farm products were such that in some cases the returns for a one-year crop were sufficient to pay in full for the land; besides land prices had jumped so that the matter of the C. P. R. making large profits was forgotten. There the matter ended, and feelings between the farmers and the C. P. R. became, and remained, cordial.

For reasons best known to themselves the C. P. R. decided to quit operating the irrigation system and decided to approach the farmers as to taking the whole thing over. Negotiations between these parties were carried on with a Committee representing the farmers by a body of men mostly prominent in municipal matters, under the advice of ex-Premier Brownlee.

After negotiations had been completed the Committee reported to the contract holders. Much credit is due to that Committee in getting so favourable terms owing to the reasonable attitude of the C. P. R. in giving what may be regarded as generous terms.

The Committee had quite a job in getting contract holders to take a fair proportion of water; many who could have done better took no more than the minimum. However, after some drumming around they raised the minimum so that Parliament could be approached to give its imprimatur, which it eventually did after some opposition had been overcome.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee who spent time and money to achieve success which has crowned their labours. I am sure that it is the earnest wish of all that the irrigation system as now inaugurated will run smoothly and be an unqualified success.

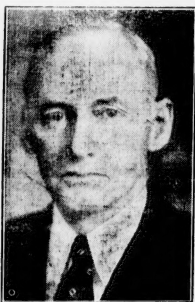


G. H. PATRICK

The story of Irrigation in this district would not be complete without paying tribute to Mr. G. H. Patrick.

While a break in his service with the Canadian Pacific rendered Mr. Patrick second in seniority, yet in actual years with the C. P. R. in the Strathmore area he has the long record of 38 years of continuous service.

During this term he has played an active and valuable part with the Company and, in Church Musical and Community activities. Strathmore citizens are very glad Mr. and Mrs. Patrick will continue to reside here.



MR. JOHN McCULLOCH

Mr. McCulloch has been with the C. P. R. Co. since 1922. He served with the Colonization Department Calgary for 5 years, with the Irrigation Department in Brooks for 5 years and since has been Superintendent of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry for Alberta.

He is in charge of the C. P. R. Farm at Strathmore at present, and our citizens hope it will be long before he and his wife are transferred elsewhere.



IMPORTANT TRANSFERS

— THE SHEEP FARM —
The C. P. R. Sheep Farm has been purchased by Captain Harry Veiner. This includes the sheep and all buildings north of the Highway.
The Sheep are pure-bred Suffolk

and Hampshire and have brought home ribbons many many times. There are at present about 400 mature sheep and 200 lambs. The farm comprises some 360 ac. Mr. George Stephens, who has the reputation of

being one of the best sheep men in Canada will continue to operate the Sheep farm.

Capt. Veiner is connected with the purchasing department for the Calgary Highlanders, Calgary. He has other large holdings in Saskatchewan.

— THE LARGE RED BARN —

This farm, south and East of the C. F. C. N. Station, known by this land mark and comprising about 900 ac., has been purchased by Mr. Hilliker, for many years associated with Calgary Herald.

We understand Mr. Hilliker plans raising some pure-bred stock on this Farm.

— THE JOHNSTON FARM —

This Farm Home, which has been noted for its beautiful groves of shade trees, also for its apple bearing trees, has been purchased by Mr. Jack Knight, who will reside there in future.

This consists of about 1/4 section. **VAN STEENBERGEN'S PURCHASE**
L. Van Steenberg has bought the C. P. R. the 360 ac. West of Town. Here on these pasture fields you may see almost any day, a herd of cattle comfortably grazing to add further weight to feed the World's hungry folk.

— SUPPLY FARM AND BARN —

The C. P. R. still hold some 1400 ac. on which is situated the above Barns and Sheds which have housed the Prize Holstein herd, which for many years held the distinction of being the largest herd in Canada.

During the hey day of this herd the C. P. R. hotels and dining cars were supplied with cream and butter. Mr. George Jones and Mr. Art Hay were the last Farm Managers. At the disposal of the herd about 1 1/2 years ago Mr. Hay went to Brandon to supervise a Dairy Farm.

Mr. John McCulloch, Superintendent of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, is in charge at the present.

C. P. R. LAND BRANCH

This Department remains with the C. P. R. the work being carried on by Messrs J. Downie, S. Slater sr. and G. E. Quiria.

— WHEAT —

— Sydney May —

Sea on sea of shining gold,
Brighter than the minted ore,
First of blessings manifold
From Dame Nature's boundless store.

Wave on wave it rolls along

In a ceaseless moving tide,
Cornucopia sounds the song,
Prairie plenty, prairie pride.

League on league of slender masts,
Bearing nature's flags unfurled;
While this old earth its shadows casts
Food to feed a waiting world.

Seas of gold in endless tides;
Banners waving in the heat,
All of these and more besides.
In a single word, are Wheat.

RING OUT THE OLD — RING IN THE NEW

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should do well.

The Western Irrigation District is starting out under favorable auspices, with a sound Board of Trustees and a competent, experienced Manager.

I convey to the farmers of the Western Irrigation District, to their Board of Trustees and to their Manager, Mr. P. M. Sauder, greetings and best wishes of myself and of my fellow officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

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Message to Farmers of the Western Irrigation District

THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE FARMERS OF THE WESTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, HAVING TAKEN OVER THIS IRRIGATION PROJECT, WILL EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN ITS OPERATION.

THE FACT THAT THIS VENTURE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A CO-OPERATIVE BASIS IS A MATTER OF SATISFACTION. IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT A LOYAL ASSOCIATION OF ENTERPRISING FARMERS CAN OPERATE THIS SUBSTANTIAL ENTERPRISE FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT IN A BUSINESS-LIKE WAY.

AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS PROVINCE THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL WILL WATCH THE PROGRESS OF THE WESTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT WITH SYMPATHETIC INTEREST. ITS SUCCESS MEANS A GREAT BOOST FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT NOT ONLY IN ALBERTA BUT THROUGHOUT ALL OF CANADA.

Alberta Wheat Pool

RESUME OF THE TRANSFER FROM C. P. R. TO W. I. D. BOARD

— MR. J. A. McARTHUR —

About six years ago a considerable number of contract holders in the western section of the C. P. R. irrigation block became worried as to the outlook for irrigation because of the numerous cancellations of water agreements taking place, and it appeared that the C. P. R. had definitely embarked on a policy of closing out the irrigation part of their operations.

At the 1942 annual meeting of the ratepayers of Bow Valley M. D. 219 there was brought to the attention of the meeting the situation of the irrigation situation. As a result of the discussion a motion was passed asking the Municipal Council to take steps to endeavor to remedy the condition if at all possible. Invitation was extended to the six Municipalities within the boundaries of the irrigation district to meet at Strathmore to discuss this problem.

The meeting was held in Strathmore early in April 1942 and a committee was set up with Tom McKinnon, M. L. A., as chairman representing the M. D.'s having two or more members acting on the Committee.

M. McKinnon contacted Mr. James Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture in the Federal Government, both by letter and through Geo. Ross M. P. for East Calgary, and put the problems of the Western district before him. He asked his aid in finding a solution.

The committee held a number of meetings and went over the whole situation very thoroughly, and from every angle and decided to call an open meeting in Strathmore so as to get an expression of opinion from the residents within the district. It was decided whether there was enough support to carry on the work of the committee.

This meeting was held in the Memorial Hall in Strathmore with a large attendance. The meeting was addressed by Geo. Ross M. P. for East Calgary, Mr. Johnson M. P. for Bow River, Mr. Sauder representing the Provincial Government and several local speakers and a resolution was passed asking the Committee to continue their efforts to find some solution to the difficulties of the residents of the Western Irrigation District.

Correspondence was carried on with the Federal Government and a meeting was held with Mr. Geo. Spence, director of the P. F. R. A. branch of the Federal Government.

This meeting was held in Calgary with Mr. Spence and several members of the Staff present. Also present at this meeting was Mr. McMillan, Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Sauder, Director of Water Resources for Province of Alberta.

At this meeting Mr. Spence said that in his opinion the residents should form some sort of a body to look after their interests. The Federal Government would not take over this project as there was a definite policy in regard to this project and no operation but his department would give every assistance possible to work out a solution to the difficulties of the district.

The C. P. R. Natural Resources Department was contacted and a meeting was arranged. The Railway Officials were reluctant to work with the Committee as they pointed out that in the past they had met with other farmer committees and nothing had ever come out of the meetings, but they assured the committee that if they came to the company again as a properly constituted committee backed by authority of the residents of the district, the Company would be pleased to enter negotiations with the Committee.

The committee then decided to hold two meetings in the district, to ascertain just what support could be obtained from the residents with the idea of retaining the irrigation system. One meeting was held in Strathmore and the other in Meadowbrook Hall, just north of Gleichen. Both meetings were well attended and it was the opinion of the committee that those present that it would be a calamity to allow the system to be closed out, and urged the committee to use every effort to find some method to retain the system.

Resulting from these two meetings

It was decided to call a mass meeting to be held in Strathmore, of everyone interested in retaining the irrigation system. This meeting was held in June 1943 in the Memorial Hall with a crowded house. Mr. John Vallance, Assistant Director of the P. F. R. A. substituting for Mr. Geo. Spence, addressed the meeting, as did several men residents within the district. As a result the meeting voted to form a Committee of fifteen each representing a division of five districts. This committee to meet with the Railway Co. to try and work out some method whereby the system could be retained off use of the interested parties. The committee of fifteen was to select a smaller committee of four to carry on negotiations with the C. P. R. The fifteen men chosen at the meeting were Messrs Anderson, Boyack, Corbitt, Collins, Cammear, Groves, Harwood, J. E. Brownlee, who as Solicitor for the Alberta Municipal Association, had advised the Municipal Committee asking him to act as Legal Advisor for the negotiation committee. Mr. Brownlee suggested the names of several solicitors, but after considerable urging accepted the position.

The negotiation committee held a great many meetings with the Railway company and finally emerged with a deal which was considered as favorable as could be obtained, and proposed deal was sent to Montreal for the approval of the directors of the Railway Co. The committee of fifteen met and decided that if the proposal was approved that a canvass of the district be made to obtain a signed acreage at \$1.00 per acre and stock watering, both to yield a revenue of \$70,000 per year. If this total was obtained the district was to take over the project from the Railway Co. A series of ten meetings were arranged for various

points throughout the District to be held as soon as approval was received from Montreal. These meetings started on December 13th, 1943 and during the week only a little over 20,000 acres signed up, so the committee decided to use the radio to appeal for support to get a time limit for the returns to be in.

When the large committee met to total the results it was found that the total revenue would be just over \$32,000. After a great deal of discussion, the committee decided to go ahead and complete the deal as the C. P. R. had indicated that they were willing to complete the arrangements as they felt the acreage would increase as operations carried on under the new company and would in the end prove successful.

The Negotiation Committee was therefore empowered to sign the agreement with the C. P. R. and at this time Mr. Cammear was added to the small committee as it was realized that the time was so short in which to complete the deal and have it ratified at Montreal and legislation passed, in all probability this small committee would have to be the first Board of Trustees.

Approval of the Deal was received from Montreal and the agreement signed with the C. P. R. at Calgary on March 14th, 1944.

The legislation covering the Agreement and an act establishing the Western Irrigation District was presented to the Alberta Assembly but on March 21st, opposition developed and the committee was called to Edmonton to appear before the Assembly to defend the Bill covering the Western Irrigation District. The Bill was given the Third reading on March 24th, just one day before the Assembly prorogued.

A great deal of credit should be given to Tom McKinnon M. L. A. for Gleichen riding, for his assistance with the necessary legislation at Edmonton.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

P. M. Sauder's appointment as Superintendent of the new W. I. D. has been notified by the Provincial Government to take effect May 1st. J. E. Brownlee K. C. has been retained as solicitor and legal advisor for the new Board.

The W. I. D. Board will hold meetings the 2nd Friday of each month in the office of the M. D. Bow Valley in Strathmore.

Brief Sketches of New Board

— GEORGE BOYACK —

Mr. George Boyack born in Bootle, England in 1892, moved to Dundee, Scotland in 1902. He received High School education in Grove Academy Dundee and came to Canada in 1910. He went overseas with the 82nd Battalion in 1916 and was invalided home in 1917. In 1918 he married and has since resided on the farm he is now operating. He has 2 sons, one a Cpl. in the R. C. A. P. Overseas.

Geo. Boyack is a Councillor of M. D. Serviceberry of several years and this year was elected Reeve.

— EMILE JOHN CAMMEAR —

Born in 1902 at Moerkerke, Belgium and received his education at St. Francois High School at Heyz-surmer.

He came to the Rockyford district in 1919 and worked on a farm for an Aunt Miss C. Cammear for 6 years. He married a lady from Antwerp in 1925 and bought the farm which he now operates in 1928 and has built a good home. They have two children, a son 15 and a daughter 11.

Mr. Cammear has taken an active interest in all farm movements and has served as Secretary and President of the U. F. A. for several terms. He is a Delegate of the Alberta Wheat Pool operation and has been a trustee of the School Board.

He was elected Councillor of the Serviceberry enlarged M. D. in 1943 and appointed as the present Irrigation Board for 1944-45.

— J. A. McARTHUR —

Chairman of the W. I. D. Board is Deputy Reeve of M. D. Bow Valley. Mr. McArthur, born in 1891 came to Gleichen from California in 1912.

He possesses Scotch-American ancestry his father coming from Scotland and his mother from Iowa. He has four brothers and one sister.

Mr. McArthur received his education at the California Polytechnic School and University of California.

In 1912 he married Miss Margaret Steele. They have one son Donald in the Royal Canadian Navy, evidently possessing some of the interest in the Navy so strongly shown by his eminent relative, General Douglas MacArthur.

Mr. McArthur is a successful farmer and a strong advocate of mixed farming. He takes an active interest in all local activities of Church, school and community.

In earlier years he was an enthusiastic ball player. He was the last Reeve of Blackfoot M. D. and manager of the Gleichen-Cluny Mutual Tel. Co. since 1926.

As Chairman of the W. I. D. Board he has played a leading part.

— JAMES HARWOOD —

Born in Nanakia District in 1897 his parents came from England and settled in the Strathmore district in 1891.

James Harwood is one of a family of 13 brothers and sisters, and of those now living, all reside in the Strathmore district, but one sister in

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Mr. Harwood is a successful farmer operating about 2,500 ac. which he owns and renting an additional 1400 ac.

He is a strong advocate of mixed farming. He and Mrs. Harwood reside on their farm three and one half miles East on the Highway. They have six children three boys and three girls; two of the sons now serving in H. M. Forces, Eddie in the army now overseas and Earl in the R. C. A. P. One daughter Mrs. J. J. Comack, one in Civil Service Ottawa and the other at home.

Mr. Harwood has always been keenly interested in the betterment of local government, which was shown by his efforts in helping to retain irrigation for this area.

He has been on the local Council for about 6 years and was elected Reeve of the amalgamated M. D.'s of Gleichen and Bow Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood and family are members of the Strathmore United Church.

— J. M. WHEATLEY —

J. M. Wheatley born in Hamilton Scotland in 1894, coming to Canada with his parents in 1907 and settling in Bassano in 1909 when this town was booming with the erection of the Dam and Irrigation Works now the E. I. D. and following the construction, moved to Brooks in 1911.

He attended High School in Bassano and Brooks. During his period as partner in the Tilley Hotel Mr. Wheatley became interested in irrigation and farming.

In November 1914 he enlisted in the 21st Alberta Battalion and saw service in France until 1917. He was twice wounded first in 1916 on the Somme and again July 8 1917 at St. Pierre. For some last wound he receives a small pension. During most of his time he held the rank of Sergeant. After months of hospitalization he was appointed as Remedial Gymnastic Instructor in Canada.

He was sent to Toronto University to take a special course in Anatomy to be used in connection with his work in the Military Hospital and was promoted to the rank of C. S. M. I. Shortly after this he took a C. P. R. Soldier's Exam and was placed in the district where he has resided ever since.

In 1917 he married Miss Millie Podger of London, England. They have one son who is now in the R. C.

M. P. stationed at Sudbury Ont.

Mr. Wheatley has taken a keen interest in farmers problems and has taken an active part in the U. F. A. and has been on the Board of Directors for Bow River and Medicine Hat. He has taken an active part in the activities of Chancellor and Standard, serving on the School Board, Legion, and U. F. A.

His chief interest, however, has been in the Municipal Field, being elected Councillor of Blackfoot in 1928 and has continued with the Amalgamation with Bow Valley in 1943.

He is a member of the P. F. R. A. Advisory Board, Sec. Treas. of the Chancellor Branch Canadian Legion, and is a J. P.

ROCKYFORD

By K. M. G. —

The Sixth Victory Loan Drive got under way on Monday with Mr. Bennett as chairman, Mr. Murray Unit Organizer and Mrs. Reish Secretary. Many of the Canvassers are the same as in former loans and they are very optimistic of reaching their objective.

The Rockyford Red Cross Auxiliary held a Military Whist Drive on Saturday night in the hall. Many took part in the play and enjoyed the get-together, also the nice lunch provided by the ladies. About forty dollars was made to help the good work. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baidor, Mrs. V. Pedersen and Mrs. Lillian Kiln were the prize winners.

Mr. Chas Griffiths is at present in the Holy Cross Hospital suffering from an attack of arthritis. The reports are that he is doing nicely and hopes to be home soon.

Mr. R. L. Stone has taken a flying trip to Vancouver to see his mother, who has been an invalid there for some time.

We are glad to know Florence Valle is recovering quickly from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Garden spent the week end at the home of Mr. Harry Dunmore. They all went to Markon on Sunday where Rev. Garden preached a dedication service at the United Church.

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LANGDON

—By M. E. M.—

Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair and two children of Drumheller were Sunday guests at the J. Brander home. Mrs. S. Clair and Mrs. Brander being sisters.

Mrs. John Brander Sr. returned on Saturday from White Rock B. C. and is visiting at the home of her son John for a few days.

Pte. V. M. Rodgers of Winnipeg, lately stationed at Debert N. S., visited with his friend K. Moe from Saturday to Sunday. Pte. Rodgers was on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickleson are now living on their farm, recently purchased from T. Copeland, who is at present living in the A. Brander house in Langdon. Mrs. Copeland is still in the hospital, we are sorry to say.

Mrs. E. Kernaghan is still in the Holy Cross Hospital. We hope she will soon be able to come home.

Mrs. G. Hulerson and three boys were visiting at the E. Moe home for a week. Mr. Hulerson came from Red Deer on Friday to get them.

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11.00 a.m.—Church School.
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7.30—Holy Communion.UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
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First Sunday of the month—
Mass at 11 a.m.UNITED CHURCH, CARSELAND
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Dalemead—10.30 a.m.
Carseland—12.00 Noon.
Mossleigh—5.30 p.m.THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Rev. W. A. Raedeke, Pastor.3.00 p.m.—Divine Service.
4.00 p.m.—Sunday School.
9.00 p.m.—Lutheran Hour CFNC.

—NOTICE—

—Chickens Must be Kept Penned—
Now that garden are being put in order all people having chickens MUST keep them enclosed.By order of The Town of Strathmore.
M. B. Garrett,
Sec. Treas.

A delight full time is reported when about twenty ladies surprised Mrs. R. Little at her farm home on Monday evening. The occasion was her birthday. A lovely berry set was presented to her. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Ida Kragero wishes to thank the many friends for flowers, good wishes and other kind deeds during her recent illness. April 27*

Flag Salute to Spring
Coulee School in Savings
Stamp Drive

The Spring Coulee school grounds was the scene of a large gathering of pupils and parents on Friday afternoon to celebrate the winning of the War Savings Stamp Drive sponsored by the Lions' Club.

At two o'clock the school children lined up a V. formation, and a Lyander from No. 8 B. and G. school at Lethbridge flew over several times, doing stunts and dropping a flag. The flag was raised by C. Matkin of Mossleigh, during which time the Dow brothers' orchestra played "O Canada" and the crowd sang.

The flag was formally presented by K. C. Long, master of ceremonies, and accepted by Miss E. Egeland, principal of the high school.

R. S. Thompson, president of the Lions' club, presented a picture "Quebec Conference" to Ruth Long for the grade that obtained the highest quota of the schools 1000 per cent.

The propeller was presented by C. Matkin and accepted by E. Egeland on behalf of the school children and teachers.

A group of boys from the school under the direction of Miss Bridge sang "We're Proud of Canada".

Mr. Evenson, superintendent closed the meetings by saying St. Mary's school division and the Lethbridge division ranked highest in the sale of War Savings Stamps.

Spring Coulee has a total of 69 pupils, and their contribution for stamps for March amounted to \$160, making a quota of 474 per cent.

A clergyman accompanied by two charming girls stood admiring the beautiful stream. An angler passing by asked, "Any luck?"

"Sir," replied the parson with dignity, "I'm a fisher of men."
"Well," retorted the fisherman, glancing at the girls, "you certainly have the right kind of bait."

"May I use your telephone?"
"Certainly. Is yours out of order?"
"Not exactly, but sister is using the receiver to hold up the window and ma's cutting cookies with the mouth-piece."

CARSELAND

—By Mrs. K. H. M.—

George Jamieson returned last week from England and is spending a month's leave with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lennox are being congratulated on the birth of a son, April 8th.

Rev. Sieber has his daughter, Mrs. Spelman and children of Edmonton visiting with him.

Dora and Hazel Hill spent the weekend at home with their parents.

Noel Barlow will leave Friday for Moose Jaw, where he has been posted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dawson announce the birth of a son. Congratulations. Bill is stationed at White Horse.

The P. B. Club will meet May 3rd. at the home of Mrs. Bob Groves.

During the first three months of 44 the Carseland Red Cross, with the help of the U. F. W. A. of the Glencairn district, shipped to Red Cross Headquarters in Calgary 167 articles of clothing for civilian refugees, 98 personal property bags, 10 dozen diapers, 10 quilts and 14 knitted articles. Of this amount the U. F. W. A. made 79 refugee garments, 36 bags, 8 dozen diapers and 6 knitted articles.

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Photo Courtesy R. C. A. F.—

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

"Probation after Death" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon at all Christian Science Churches on Sunday. The Golden Text is I Corinthians 15-26. One of the Scriptural citations is "And it came to pass, that the beggar dies, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was buried" (Luke 16-22). One of the correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, is "The true sense of being and its eternal perfection should appear now, even as it will hereafter." (p. 550).

PUBLIC SALE OF LANDS UNDER
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TOWN OF STRATHMORE

Notice is hereby given, that under the provisions of The Tax Recovery Act, the Town of Strathmore will offer for sale by public auction in the Town Hall, Strathmore, Alberta, on Saturday, the 13th day of May, 1944, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon the following parcel of land:

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—By A. E. C.—

The Cluny Red Cross in 1944 drive collected \$791.75. The Subscriptions average \$5.70 per person. This is an exceptional showing considering the small territory they have to work in.

The regular W. I. Bridge was held at the home of Mrs. A. Maynard on Thursday last, 4 tables in play. We always enjoy going to the home of our country members for bridge or meetings of any kind. That little jaunt in the school bus seems to make for plenty of fun.

Mrs. Goldsmith week-ended in Calgary attending the graduation of her daughter Belle, who was in training at the Holy Cross.

The Bingo and Dance put on by the Board of Trade was very well attended and the Community Hall Fund benefited to the amount of approx. \$130.00.

The postponed W. I. meeting will be held in Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Prowse.

CHANCELLOR

—By Mrs. J. M. W.—

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley and Mrs. N. I. Hansen went to the Navy Show in Calgary on Tuesday.

F. O. and Mrs. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Madsen, C. W. Marsh and Mrs. W. D. Lelishman were Calgary visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips and Miss Betty Williams were guests of the Blackfoot Indians at their annual Pow-wow held in the Indian Hall at Gleichen on Friday. They reported a very enjoyable and interesting time.

Bob Hobbs is quite recovered from the chicken pox.

L. A. C. Bryce Brown and L. A. C. Gordon Noble of the R. N. Z. A. F. of No. 3 Wireless School Calgary were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley.

Frank Giberson and Glen Phillips visited the Masonic Lodge in Drumheller on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Blair returned home to Calgary after staying a few days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chamney.

Mrs. H. F. Penske arrived home from Los Angeles on Sunday and Mr. Lester Mann returned home from Virginia, U. S. A.

Mrs. E. Campbell was operated on in the Holy Cross Hospital this week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Rena Mullens of Makepeace is practicing teaching at the Chancellor School.

An enjoyable house warming party in the form of a wheel drive was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Faudry when thirty friends and neighbors gathered there to celebrate the completion of their new home. Holders of high scores were Mr. C. Jorgensen and Mrs. Carl Madsen, low being won by Axel Rhineholdt and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen. A delicious lunch was served at the end of the card game.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Faudry and family and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Enns to a delicious duck dinner Sunday. After an enjoyable afternoon coffee was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kidd and Mr. Charles Phillips of Drumheller visited Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips on Monday.

Sto. Gordon Pedersen arrived at his new station in Cornwallis N. S.

Please leave your news items at the Post Office or Phone 411. We are glad to hear of your activities and of your guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Blair of Calgary are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chamney.

F. O. A. E. Hobbs arrived home on Sunday on leave. Bobby Hobbs is recovering from chicken pox.

Sixty-five Chancellor people enjoyed the play and dance at Standard on Friday. It was a good play and well acted.

Mr. Wm. Gray of Edmonton was a weekend visitor of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheatley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young were guests at the wedding of Miss Dahm

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of Tudor.

Mr. G. M. Purdy has been laid up all week with an injured knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Estebrook visited Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Phillips on Sunday. Mrs. Estebrook and baby daughter are staying with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen until a suitable home can be found in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Hansen.

Local News Items

Mrs. Wm. Foley returned last Tuesday from two weeks in Toronto where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Jim Wagar. She reports a splendid time but says the weatherman was giving them real winter down there.

We are sorry to hear Stanley Wright is ill with tonsillitis after an unexpected dip in the lake while boat riding.

Gordon Keeling was confined to his home for several days last week suffering from a throat infection.

Billy McNeill is quarantined with Chicken-pox, but is not seriously ill.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Snaith was pleasantly surprised when her Daughters, Sister and Granddaughter arranged a lovely tea in honor of her birthday. A large birthday cake treated the table. Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Mr. Art Hay passed through Strathmore about a week ago on his way to New Westminster, where he is now located. Mrs. Hay and children will follow in about two weeks time. They will remain over in Strathmore for a visit with Mrs. Issard and other friends enroute.

Mrs. Leonard Hilton entertained Sunday at a very happy Family Dinner Party in honor of her husband's birthday which was Tuesday. Nineteen guests enjoyed a bountiful dinner and a genuinely happy Family Party.

The sympathy of the community is extended Mr. and Mrs. H. Boiesse in the message they received Tuesday that their son, Warrant Officer, was reported missing in air operations overseas. However this is not final and we shall still hope that better word will come in the near future.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson was given the name of Loy Winston Sunday evening. Rev. S. R. Hunt performing the sacrament of Baptism. Following the christening, the baby's sisters Donna and Norma Jean sang very sweetly, "Be a Little Sunbeam".

Mrs. Ronnie Backhouse and small daughter have arrived for a visit at the parental home.

Mrs. McGregor is a guest of Mrs. Skene in Calgary this week.

Miss G. Hunt left Thursday enroute to her school at Hines Creek where she will spend the summer.

Cpls. Irene Prichard and Ivy Foley have returned to their training in Calgary after two weeks furlough at home keeping house during their mother's absence.

RHODA C. KEIR IN NEWFOUNDLAND

First lap of a Canada-wide tour of R. C. A. F. stations to initiate courses of sparetime study for airwomen takes Fft. Officer Rhoda C. Keir of Ottawa and Calgary to Newfoundland this week.

Later she will go through to the Pacific Coast on similar missions.

The courses have met with success in Ottawa, where more than 600 airwomen study such subjects as sewing, cooking, homemaking, stenography, journalism, painting and languages, in preparation for their post-war future.

Recently a Women's Division officer on each R. C. A. F. station has been appointed to assist the unit educational officer in sponsoring after-hour classes. Flight Officer Keir will try to augment the current programs.

Mr. P. M. Sander has spent several days in the district becoming acquainted with the many details pertaining to his new position as Supt. of the Board of the W. L. D.

Mr. Charles Keeling is now at the Holy Cross Hospital undergoing treatments on his knee.

WARNING TO PARENTS

As there is a case of Chicken-pox in town parents should watch for any symptoms, slight fever, headache, rash etc. If these symptoms occur do not send child to school but notify the M. H. O.

J. W. Giffen, M. D.

To Our Correspondents—

In your notes please do not say that so and so is home on embarkation leave.

You may in the past have noticed this word embarkation being detected from your items.

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Previously reported missing and now for official purposes presumed dead, F. O. George Samuel Malton (above) was born and educated at Carbon. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Malton, live at Abbotsford, B. C. and an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Willson, live at Strathmore.

F. O. Malton was reported missing in March 1943, following one of the heavy raids on Dusseldorf. He piloted a Spitfire, acting as escort to the bombers. They engaged enemy planes over the English Channel on the return from the raid.

He lived in Calgary before enlisting in the air force in May, 1941, and was employed by the Shell Oil company. He went overseas in February, 1942.

ARDENODE

— By Mrs. H. S. —

Mr. S. G. Watson, Mrs. D. Osborn and son Reg. were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thurston of Nightingale Sunday.

Mrs. D. S. Brook and daughter Joan took in the Navy Show in Calgary last Saturday.

Miss Marie Longston of Nightingale was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Brook over the weekend.

Miss Mary Awcock spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wise spent Sunday visiting in Rockyford.

Several people from this district were blood donors at Strathmore on Saturday last.

Don't miss the Puppet show in the school house Friday evening.

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A GROUP OF SHEEP ON THE C. P. R. FARM, WITH MANAGER J. STEPHENS SHOWN IN CENTRE.



NAMAKA

By M. W.

L. A. C. and Mrs. Gordon Gimbel spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLean and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Roland and baby Jimmie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. Mason and Mrs. J. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield of Arrowwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Montgomery of Calgary spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Verdi Watson.

Miss Sanders, teacher of the Jr. room arranged a young people's party at the school Friday evening. An enjoyable time was spent in music and games.

Landlady— And what's wrong now? Lodger— I just wanted to say that I thing you get too much mileage out of this roller towel.

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